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BY MISS HARRIET MARION WARD.

From the death strewn scene of battle,
Where the noisy cannon's rattle
Echoes o'er the tented fields:
From a life of toil and danger;
Give thee speed, victorious stranger,
Welcome, welcome, gallant Shields!

Southern hearts are warm to meet thee,
Southern hands outstretched to greet thee
With a welcome kind and free—
Light and gentle hearts grow lighter,
Starry eyes beam all the brigater,
As they list to tales of thee.

Brilliant flowers of Fame's entwining,
'Round thy brow are brightly shining,
Winning worshippers to thee
With them mingle earth's glad voices,
For their pleasant life discloses,
God's unwritten poetry.

Welcome, warrior! deeds of glory
Proud are heralded in story,
Deeds to grace a hero's life.
When thro' ranks all rent asunder
Pour'd the cannon's deadly thunder,
God preserved thee through three strife.

When our flag, blood stained and drooping,
Swayed where thou wast faintly stooping
With what seemed thy failing breath.
Thou wast heard 'midst fearful crashing,
Urging through the cannon's flashing,
"On to victory or death."

From the death-strew'd field of battle,
Where the noisy cannon's rattle
Echoes o'er the tented fields;
From a life of toil and danger,
Give the speed, victorious stranger,
Welcome here, brave General Shields!

THE IRISH DAUGHTER.

A TRUE STORY.

BY GRACE GREENWOOD.

"And so you *won't* go with us, Jamie?"

"Hush, darling—you know I cannot leave my mother, lone widow that she is, even for love and you, Mary; but if you'll not forget me, in the fair country you're going to, when God wills, I'll follow you!"

"Oh, Jamie, Jamie, this parting is quite breaking my heart—but don't ask me to stay again—God bless you, and keep you true."

James Burke was the only child of a poor widow, living in the northern part of Ireland. Mary Conway was the youngest daughter of an intelligent and respectable family, neighbors of the Burkes. James and Mary had been lovers from childhood, and at the time when they are introduced to our reader, all who knew them were smiling approvingly upon their fitting betrothal.

James was just one's ideal of a warm-hearted, high-spirited, frank, and handsome Irishman. Mary was a fair, blue-eyed girl of eighteen, with much more of delicate fragility of figure than often belongs to her countrywomen.

Some four years previous to the period of the parting scene, with which we commenced this sketch, Mary's only brother, Willie Conway, went out to America to "seek his fortune," where he succeeded so well in business, that he became anxious to be joined by his family. This consisted only of his parents, Mary, and the orphan-boy of an elder sister, a fine little fellow of eight or nine years. The noble young man sent home nearly all his earnings to defray the expenses of the voyage, and promised his friends a snug and happy home, on their arrival in the stranger-land. From their age and many infirmities, his parents were long averse to going, but finally yielded to his earnest solicitations.

Poor Mary! the same sense of filial duty which bade her go with her parents, forbade her urging her lover to accompany her, for old Mrs. Burke could not risk the voyage, having been an invalid for many years; and so they parted, and the emigrants took ship for Quebec.

For the first week of the voyage all was fair above and calm below; but then came on squally and tempestuous weather, and the mad waves tossed about the stout ship like a toy, and the fierce winds drove her wildly on her way. Our poor emigrants had much to endure: Mary, ill herself, was yet unceasing in her attendance on her aged parents, who became so wasted and enfeebled by sea-sickness as at last to be hardly able to rise from their berths. One night, when they had been about four weeks at sea, after watching till her dear ones slept, she laid her aching head on its uneasy pillow, for a brief rest. The tempest which had raged throughout the day had somewhat abated, but a heavy fog lay on the deep, like a white robe on the stormy bosom of a maiden. The ship still rolled, and plunged, and groaned, like some huge monster in the death-agony, and for once, in her life of simple piety, sweet Mary knelt not in her orisons. But, to use the expression of her countrywomen, she "went on the knees of her heart," and from the berth where she lay, fervently arose the prayer of a subdued and trusting spirit. She fell asleep with a tear on her cheek, and heart with love and old Ireland.

She was awakened by a rush of feet on deck, and the cry of "Let go the anchors!" succeeded by the rattle of chains—a heavy plunge—another—a silence as of death, and then a joyful shout, "She holds!"—then a wild cry of "She *drifts!*" and then the ship seemed lifted out of the water, with a fearful crash, and a shock like that of an earthquake! *She had struck!* Then followed shoutings, and hurrying to and fro, the cries of terror, the clear, quick tones of command, and the sharp crack of breaking timbers.

The vessel had been driven upon a large rock, and was parting in the middle, the stern being highest out of the water. Word was given for all to seek that part of the ship, as the only hope of safety; but before this object could be accomplished, many poor creatures perished, from missing their way in the darkness, or from that sudden insanity which danger often engenders. But Mary Conway, with matchless coolness and courage, conducted her parents and nephew, bewildered age and terrified childhood, safely up to the crowded stern, and saw them, one by one, let down by ropes to the rock beneath. Morning was just breaking as she herself descended, and she lifted her blue eyes to heaven, with an involuntary ejaculation of thankfulness.—Alas! she had seen but the beginning of sorrow. It was intensely cold, and she found her feeble parents shivering and trembling in their thin garments. Morning advanced, but the weather grew no milder, and the sea winds yet blew bitter chill. "I am dying with cold," said the poor old father, as he sat shrinking and bending under the keen gusts, his long white locks satuated with spray.—Mary turned suddenly toward the rocking ship.

"Where are you going?" said the mother, faintly.

"*Back*, to get some covering for father and you."

"Young woman," said a seaman, standing by, "it may be death to do that—the ship may part any minute."

But she gave no heed to remonstrances, though they came fast and clamorous; she seized on the rope, which still hung from the ship, and by a superhuman effort, climbed to the deck, and went forward to the steerage. In a few moments she reappeared, threw over on to the rock a bundle of clothing, and again slid swiftly down the rope. She had brought her father's cloak, from the berth where he had left it, and a blanket, which she wrapped around her mother, saying:

"You see I have come safely back, for God was with me, mother dear."

Before a half hour had passed, a loud crash was heard, and a mountain wave swept away the whole of the forward part of the vessel.

As the day wore on, and the fog drifted, the ship-wrecked beheld despairingly, the hopelessness of their situation. They were cast upon a perfectly barren-rock, separated from the land by many rods of foaming surf, in which no boat could live an instant; at sea, no sail was in sight, and on the shore no signs of human life. They were on the coast of Newfoundland.

But the mother and daughter were absorbed in a fearful affliction, which was coming fast upon them.

On that desolate spot, the husband and father was dying. He bade them good-by, with a failing voice—he gazed on them with a thrilling tenderness of the last, last look—the breath ceased on his lips—his white face grew rigid, and his spirit dwelt where "there is no more sea," nor hunger, nor cold, nor death.

When the first wild burst of grief was o'er, Mary left the lifeless form with her mother, and searched around until she found a wide fissure in the rock, somewhat sheltered by an over-hanginging ledge. She then gently took the body from her mother's convulsive embraces, and with the assistance of a kind sailor, bore it and laid it there. She kissed once again her father's lips, chilled more with the tempest than the recent touch of death; smoothed the thin hair upon his brow, and wrapped his cloak more closely around him, turned and left him forever. She herself was trembling with cold, but she thought not once of robbing her poor dead father of his winding-sheet.

Rest thou, old saint, with thy cross upon thy breast! Though thou liest not deep in the dear bosom of thy native land, but where billows dash around, and the wet sand drifts over thee—though thy loved ones may not come to weep above thee, though no living thing be near thee but the wild sea-bird, dipping her white wing in the surf—God's angel has marked the spot, and when earth's graves are opening, and the sea gives up its dead, thou shalt arise from thy cold, hard couch, on the wave-lashed rock.

Soon after Mary returned to her mother, a shout from their companions told them that the despaired of help was at hand. On looking to the shore, she beheld four or five men, pointing three huge Newfoundland dogs to the rock. As soon as the noble creatures caught sight of the sufferers, they sprang eagerly into the surf. How sturdily they breasted the waves—how gloriously they leaped forward to the rescue!

One after another, the shipwrecked were lashed to these gallant deliverers and carried safely to the shore. To the kind inquiries of an aged sailor, who, at each return of the noble dogs, had said, "Now daughter," Mary simply answered, "Not yet," and remained holding on her lap the almost inanimate form of her mother. At length the mother seemed to arouse herself, and opening her faded blue eyes, those eyes which Mary had so often looked for hope and encouragement, she said; "I will *thry* my darling—for my child's sake, the good God may give me strength to pass through the troubled waters."

Mary assisted to lash her to one of those mute deliverers, and with her arms clasped about and partly supporting her, she accompanied her far out into the surf, and committed her to the angry deep. And there stood Mary Conway—around her the wild sea—her black hair on the wind, her lips parted, and her clasped hands outstretched before her—yet all unheeding sea and wind, for her heart was with her eye, and her eye was with her mother. She saw those aged limbs float out on the wave, and that gray hair tossing like sea-weed in the surf. She saw the cruel wave pass over her—she saw for a moment her white, calm face, as she was borne up on the succeeding billow, turn full upon her—she saw her dimmed eyes open, and, oh, God! amid the sea and the storm, a daughter caught the last look of affectionate recognition from a dying mother! But Mary knew it not: still stood she, statue-like, watching with wild intensity the receding form of her last parent; the only change of attitude and expression was the swelling and falling of the chest, and the gleaming and fading of the eye, as her mother's form appeared and disappeared in the trembling waters. Nearer, still nearer the firm earth—the white surf covers her—a rush of stalwart men—they are bearing her up the beach! "She is safe!—she is safe!" and with eyes thrown heavenward, Mary falls, fainting. But the old sailor was by her side—she felt not the rushing of the waters as she too was borne to the shore, and when she next woke to consciousness, she was stretched beneath a sheltering cliff, and beside, oh, joy, her *mother*—oh, despair, her *dead* mother!

Not a wail, not a tear, not a sigh, betrayed the agony of that broken-hearted girl, as vainly and still hopelessly she strove to recall that departed spirit. They came around her, the kind-hearted strangers, yet she saw them not, and the mute saviors, yet she heeded not their caressings; but with her mother's head against her breast, she sat amid the sands buried in her deep, deep wo.

At length, when, with tears streaming down their weather-beaten cheeks, those friendly strangers would take her from her lifeless mother, Mary seemed to arouse.—They told her that she must go with them many miles, to find a shelter—that night and a fiercer tempest were coming on, and that she must leave her dead mother *unburied*.—She pressed her hands around her throbbing brow, and while her sad blue eyes rested for a moment in gratitude upon them, she gently waved them to depart, saying, eamly, "I will follow." And they left her—a kind fisherman bearing her little nephew in his arms—and she was alone, alone with her dead.

Impressing one long kiss upon that icy brow, Mary Conway rose up quietly, and going yet further from the sea, dug, with her own hands, a grave for her mother in the sand. She then bore her thither, in her arms, as though it were a sleeping infant, the emaciated form, and laid it down to its last slumber—took the kerchief from her own breast, spread it over the beloved face, and then carefully replaced the sand. She knelt above that shallow grave, and with her crucifix pressed to her lips, murmered a brief prayer for the soul of the departed—there, on the wild desert shore, with ocean's voice for a dirge, and the tempest for a requiem. Then in that utter dessolation of spirit which has no outward manifestation—that great agony, fearful in its tearful stillness—she turned, and meekly followed the foot-prints in the sand, which told where her shipwrecked companions had gone before her.

Oh, pale young mourner, sitting in thy darkened chamber, giving way to thy sorrow with passionate abandonment, listen.—The angels have called hence thy mother, and thou hast indeed known the grief of griefs; but if still unreconciled to Him who willed thy bereavement, bethink thee of one whose own hands laid to rest her best beloved ones, shroudless and coffinless—one who literally buried father and mother and *had no time for weeping*.

The unfortunates met sympathy and kindness in the fisherman's house, which they reached at last, and the next day Mary Conway and her nephew proceeded to the nearest town, where she sought and found employment for them both, intending to seek her brother, as soon as she had earned sufficient to defray her traveling expenses. All her money and papers had been lost at the time of the wreck, and most unfortunately, the shock of that disaster, and her succeeding afflictions, had driven from her mind all recollection of her brother's place of residence. But she remembered that it was somewhere in the state of New-York, and she finally resolved to go at once to the *city* of New-York, where she hoped to hear of the place she wished to find. At last she reached that great metropolis, still accompanied by her young nephew, for her widowed sister when dying, had given him to her, and she was ever faithful to the holy trust. She soon procured a situation for herself and little charge, in a boarding house, where she remained about a month, still unable to recall the name of the village to which her brother had directed her. But one day, a stranger arrived, and on his trunk being brought into the hall, upon the card affixed to it, she recognized with a cry of delight, that lost, that blessed word!

The next morning saw her and her little Allick on the deck of one the Hudson steamers, waving adieu to the few friends who had followed them to the wharf. At Albany, Mary took passage on a canal-boat, and traveled many hundred miles westward; and always and every where, though attractive in appearance and so unskilled in the ways of the world, and utterly defenceless, she met but kindness and friendliness! There was about her the sacredness of sorrow—the impress of suffering on her brow, and the tearfulness of her down-cast eye, were eloquent though mute-appeals to the generous American heart.

She reached S——, at last, and was clasped, half-fainting, in her brother's arms. Oh, who could measure his joy! He had heard of the wreck of the vessel, and supposed that *all* he held dear on earth had gone down with her.

Mary found a neat and comfortable home awaiting her, and soon life seemed not so cold around her—a few sunbeams fell upon her path, and the crushed flower, happiness, took root in her heart again.

She wrote to, and heard from her lover in Ireland; his mother was still living, but very feeble, requiring his constant care.

'Twas on her second summer in America, that sorrow came once again to poor Mary Conway; came at the season when mourning and sadness seem most unnatural—in gorgeous June, the festal month of all the year, came before the first flush of rose-time was past! Her pride, her dependance, her noble, devoted brother, came home one noon, from his work, with a heavy eye, and the fevered blood rushing through his veins like lava, flung himself upon his bed, and never rose again.

One evening as Mary sat by his side, watching him earnestly, for she knew that "the hour was at hand," he said, faintly, "Pray my sister;" and the stricken girl knelt and lifting up her voice clearly and calmly, in a prayer all faith and fervency and submission, commended the passing spirit to its Creator. When she rose up, she looked upon the face of the dead.

On the day of the burial, little Allick was taken ill, with a milder form of the same disease, and there was none of kindred, save his broken-hearted sister, to follow Willie Conway to the grave. She saw him laid to his rest, with an intense yearning to lay down deside him, and share his cold pillow; and she turned toward her desolate home, with a depth of anguish in her soul, which only God could sound.

But the strength which had been hers at the death-bed scene, and at that awful moment when the first earth fell upon the coffin, now that all was over, forsook her utterly. She grew faint, reeled painfully, and would have fallen, but that one, who, at that moment entered the grave-yard, sprang forward and supported her. "Mary, dear Mary!" said a familiar voice, "oh, don't you know me? and is it so we meet at last!"

She looked up—it was her Jamie, her Jamie from over the sea. * * * *

My dear reader, I have not been playing upon your sympathies by fables. I have not been beguiling you with a fiction. I myself have heard the simple story which I have related, from the lips of Mary *Burke*. And would to heaven a life so exalted by the grandeur of woman's love-prompted heroism, and made so serenely beautiful by filial piety and Christian resignation, might have some better chronicler, some more enduring memorial!—*Odd Fellow's Offering for* 1848.

THE BATTLE OF LIFE.—We have often been impressed by the deep significance of the phrase which Dickens's has given as a title to one of his Christmas stories, "The Battle of Life." It is full of solemn meanings. All our hours, from the cradle to the grave, are but a series of antagonisms. Hunger, fatigue, sickness, temptation, sin, remorse and sorrow—these are the strong powers with which we must wage continual war. Foes beset us from without and from within, and make life one long and earnest battle. But there are victories to be won on the field, more glourious than those which crimsoned Marathon and Waterloo. Evil habits may be subdued—fiery passions brought under the control of principle—temptations resisted—self-denial cheerfully sustained, and life itself consecrated to high and holy purposes. To triumph over the infirmities of a perverted nature, and render life, once deformed by passion and stained by sin, beautiful with love, made manifest in deeds of benificence, is worthier our ambition than all the blood-wrought heroisms that ever linked a name to world's remembrance. Every day witnesseth triumphs such as these—yet Fame proclaims them not. What matters it? In the serene depths of these all-conquering spirits, God's peace abides, and harmonies are heard, such as the angels make when they welcome the victorious soul from the conflicts of this, to the raptures of the heavenly world.

BEAUTIFUL USE OF CHLOROFORM.—A correspondent says he met a hen-pecked friend late the other night, and on asking him how he expected to escape a *curtain lecture* when he got home, the little fellow's eyes sparkled luminously as he held up to view a little speck of *sponge* and a small *phial! "Oh, ho! Chloroform*, eh?" "Yes sir-ee!" replied the chuckling husband, "I become insensible in five minutes after lying down.—*Albany Express*.

AT A LOSS FOR SOCIETY.—"Would you believe it, *aunt*," exclaimed a pale-faced young lady of the "upper ten," "would you believe it! Uncle Solomon, here, tells me that the ladies out West actually speak to the tradesmen and retail store-keepers! They must be sadly ill-want of society, musn't they?"

"Humph; yes," interrupted Uncle Solomon. "They are as badly off for society, my dear, as your father was when he pulled radishes and asparagus for a living, and your mother sold them in the old fly market—ha, ha—society, humph!"

Miss Polly Dolly Adeline fainted, and her aunt was visible in the next room.

"IT'S BOUND TO COME OFF."—The editor of the Pittsburgh Sunday Mercury was dropped down upon a few days since by Dan Marble, who of course reeled off a few of those old yarns he is always picking up in the course of his travels. This is one of them:

Somewhere in the west, a sable knight of the lather and brush was performing the operation of shaving a hoosier with a very dull razor.

"Stop," said the hoosier, "that wont do."

"What's de matter, hoss?"

"That razor pulls."

"Well, no matta for dat, sah. If de handle ob de razor don't break, de beard's bound to come off."

CHOICE OF A PROFESSION.—A New York paper relates an anecdote of a young man who came to establish himself in the city of Gotham, and as he did not know exactly what "line" would be the most desirable, spent a good deal of time and much shrewd sagacity, in looking about and guessing into the several ways of getting rich. He had considered, pretty keen, he said, all kinds of trades that were carried on here, and he had pretty much made up his mind to set up the *Post office business*. Them that carried it on took a heap of money every day, and there was only *one* in the place.

ESTABLISHING A SCIENCE.

BY J. M. FIELD.

The persecution of the Mesmerists will one day make a curious volume, for they will be written, of course. The disciples of Galileoe Harvey, Jenner, &c., have been exalted in their struggles and suffering, and those of Mesmer even more brightly will shine in martyrology. Seriously, the trials to which traveling Mesmerists are put to, are, at times, humiliating and painful enough, albeit they afford infinite sport to the unbelievers. These traveling "Professors," or many of them, are charlatans thus, far, that they pretend to treat *scientifically*, phenomena, the real nature of which they are entirely ignorant of; and the study of which they are, neither by education, habit, or *aim*, at all fitted for. They are charlatans, in that their superfical knowledge of mere *effects* is simply made available in the shape of *exhibition*; and the success of the *show* being their first object, they may be suspected, perhaps, in some cases of a little *management*. At the same time, the vulgar idea of general collusion, which prevails among those who *will* not, themselves, experiment would be rediculous if it were not pitiable.

De Bonneville had been electrifying Detroit by his more than *galvanic* effects upon the muscles of scores of his *impressibles*, when an enormous sized Wolverine "trying the thing" himself, found that he was quite equal to the professor, in setting folks to sleep and "makin on' em' cut up" afterwards, and accordingly, in the *furor* of his discovery, off he went into the country to lecture and diffuse the new light which had been dispensed to him. His success was tremendous; town and village said there "was something in it," until his reputation, as in other cases, begat him enemies. The Wolverine Mesmerizer, after astonishing a "Hull" full, one evening, at some very "promising town" or other, and which bade fair, shortly, to be quite "a place," returned to the tavern, to be arrested in the bar-room by a score of "first citizens," who had then and there congregated "jest to test the humbug," any how!

"Good evening, Perfesser," said one.—"Won't you take a little of the *fluid!*" said another: and this being an evident hit in the way of a *joke*, the "anti-humbugs" proceeded to more serious business.

"Perfesser," said the principal speaker, a giant of a fellow,—before whose proportions even the huge Magnetiser looked small.—"Perfesser," said he, biting off the end of a "plug," and turning it over in his jaws very leisurly, "a few on us, here, hev jest concluded to hev you try an experiment, appintin' ourselves a reg'lar constituted committee to report!"

The professor begged to appoint a more proper place and hour, &c., or, according to the apprehensions of "the crowd," evinced expected desire to make "a clean back out."

"Perfesser," resumed the big dog, "ef we ondustan right, you call your Mesmer *ism* a re-*mee*-jil agent, which means, I s'pose, that it cures things?"

The disciple of science referred to divers cases about town in which he had been successful, to say nothing of the pulling of teeth" operation which he had just concluded his lecture with.

"Yes," said the challenger, "you're death on teeth, we know, but ken Mesmerism cure the re-*mee*-jil over rheumatiz?"

"Inflammatory or chronic?" demand the Professor.

"Wall, stranger, we ain't much given to doctor's bottle names, but we recon it's about be wust kind."

The Mesmerist was about to define the difference between inflammatory attacks and *local* affections, when he was interrupted by the inquisitor, who *rather allowed* that as far as the *location* of the disorder went, it had a preemption right to the hull critter; and that, furthermore, it was just expected of him that he should forthwith visit the case, and bid him take up his bed and walk, or he himself would be escorted out of town, astride of a rail, with the accompanying ceremonies. This was a dilemma, either horn of which promised a toss to his reputation, but the crowd were solemnity in earnest; already triumphant in his *detection*, they began to look wolfish at him and wise at each other, so that the Wolverine had nothing left for it but to demand, boldly, to "see the patient!" We had better give the rest of the story as it was related to a humorous friend of ours, by the disciple of Mesmer, himself.

"Up stairs I went with 'em, mad as thunder, I tell you, first at being thought a humbug, and next, that my individoual share of the American eagle should be *compelled* into a measure, by thunder! I'd a-gin 'em a fight, if it hadn't ben for the *science*, which would a suffered any how, so I jest said to myself, let 'em bring on their rheumatiz! I felt as if I could a mesmerized a horse, and I determined whatever the case might be, I'd make it squeal, by thunder! "Here he is,' said they, and in we all bundled into a room, gathering round a bed, with me shut in among 'em, and the cussed big onenlightened heathen that did the talking, drawing out an almighty bowie-knife at the same time. 'That's your man!' said he. Well, there lay a miserable-looking critter, with his eyes sot, and his mouth open, —and his jaws got wider and wider, as he saw the crowd and the bowie knife, I tell you! 'That's the idea!' said old big Ingin.

"'Rise up in that bed!' said I, and I tell you what, I must a looked at him dreadful, for up he jumped on eend, as if he'd jest got a streak of galvanic.

"'Git out on this floor,' said I, with a wuss look, and I wish I may be shot if out he didn't come, lookin wild I tell ye!

"'*Now cut stick d—m you!*' screamed I, and John General Jackson!—if he didn't make a straight shirt-tail for the door, may I never make another pass. After him I went, and after me they cum, an *perhaps* there wasn't the orfullest stampede down three pairs of stars that ever occurred in Michigan! Down cut old rheumatis; through the bar-room;—out I cut after him—over went the stove in the rush after both on us. I chased him round two square—in the snow at that—then headed him off, and chased him back to the hotel agin, where he landed in a *fine sweat*, begged for his life, and said—*he'd give up the property*. Well I wish I may be shot if he wasn't a feller that they were offering a reward for in Buffalo! I made him dress himself—cured of his rheumatiz—run it right out of him, delivered him up, pocketed the reward, and *established the science*, by thunder!"

HOW TO LEAD MANKIND.

If masters fully understood the influence which even the slightest personal attention produces on the minds of their workmen, they would be more lavish than they are of a simple act of justice which can cost them so little, and would profit them so much. It is the severest trial an acute mind can undergo, to be compelled to hear the upbraidings and revilings of his fellow-men, without the privilege to answer—to hear the scorner, yet dare not to reply—to submit to the arrogance and presumption of perhaps, a meaner intellect and be denied the opportunity to wither him into his nothingness—to see before him, while his blood is boiling with a volcanic swell, the assistant superior in his haughtiest mood, and to hear from his supercilious lip the unfair or false deductions of ignorance as to his conduct, and yet to have no power of speech, but only stand like a guilty creeping thing, because his children's bread depends upon his silence. This is, indeed, the cruelest trial the progressing intellect can suffer; and how often it is inflicted because it hurts and offends the most! Yet, wretched as the sufferer is, low as he falls in his own estimation, mean as he becomes in the estimation of his fellows, there is a lower and meaner being than he—the man who without cause inflicts injury on him. Treat a man like a friend, and you will make him one; treat him like a rogue, and his honesty must be much greater than your wisdom, if he do not seem to justify your suspicions. In no way are men so easily led—often, it is true, so blindly led—as through the affections. Every man comes into the world surrounded by objects of affection. The filial and parental tie is one which binds rich and poor alike; and is often the stronger in the poor, because it is almost the only domestic blessing which they can truly call their own. Hence it is, that men who are quite inaccessible to reason are easily led by the affections; and no wise man will neglect to use, especially when it is for the mutual benefit of all, this powerful and universally prevailing instrument. The next stage to the tie of parent and child, in the progress of society, is that of master and servant; and it is for the interest of both to carry into their relations with each other as much as possible of the kindly feeling which has been nursed in the bosom, in childhood, by the domestic fireside.

PRETTY KEEN.—The Albany Patriot says: "One of our Methodist clergymen last Sunday remarked, that if all the world believed the second coming was to take place on the 23d of March, 1848, at 3 o'clock P. M., two thirds of them would delay all preparations for it till *half past two*."

WAKING UP THE WRONG PASSENGER.—A particular "green 'un" entered the Nassau cars for Lowell, to the infinite delight of several Boston bucks. They soon gathered around their victim and opened their batteries of wit and sarcasm with a raking fire. The countryman bore it like a philosopher, until they were approaching Lowell, when he turned to the one who had been most forward in "poking fun," and who, by the way, wore a "*goatee*" beneath his chin, and very seriously exclaimed: "Why I know you, and I knew your parents before you; I can remember when you were born as well as though it were yesterday; your mother had twins; one was a boy and the other was a goat—the boy died, *but the goat lived!*"

MECHANICS' WIVES.

Speaking of the middle ranks of life, a good writer observes: "There we behold woman in her glory; not a doll to carry silks and jewels; not a puppet to be flattered by profane adoration—reverenced to-day, discarded to-morrow; always jostled out of the place which nature and society would assign her, by sensuality or by contempt; admired, but not respected; desired, but not esteemed; ruling by passion, not affection; imparting her weakness, not her constancy, to the sex she could exalt; the source and mirror of vanity; we see her a wife, partaking the cares, and cheering the anxiety of a husband, dividing his toils by her domestic diligence, spreading cheerfulness around her domestic diligence, spreading around her; for his sake sharing the decent refinements of the world, without being vain of them, placing all her joys and happiness in the man she loves. As a mother we find her the affectionate and ardent instructress of the children whom she has tended from their infancy, training them to thought and benevolence; addressing them as rational beings: preparing them to become men and women in their turn. Mechanics' daughters make the best wives in the world."

ANECDOTE.—The Providence Journal tells an anecdote of a good old Connecticut deacon, who was hitching a very feeble pair of oxen to a very large and heavy load of wood. A neighbor asked him how he expected to get so large a load to market with so poor a team. The good deacon replied that he expected aid from Divine Providence. His neighbor asked him if it would not be as well to dispense with the oxen entirely, and *let Divine Providence draw the whole load.*

THE OBSERVER.

"The World is Governed too Much."

ERIE, PA.

Saturday Morning, March 4, 1848.

☞ Thos. H. Ellison is a duly authorized agent to procure subscribers for this paper.

Congressional.

Owing to the illness and death of Mr. Adams, nothing was done last—week in Congress of interest, we have not, therefore, deemed it necessary to attempt our usual synopsis.

☞ Samuel A. Bridges, Esq., democrat, has been elected to Congress in the Bucks and Lehigh district, in place of Mr. Hornbeck, whig, deceased. His majority is about 150. The tariff panic of 1846 has passed away.

Death Ex-President J. Q. Adams—A Great Light has gone Out.

The illness of this venerable statesman, alluded to in our last, terminated fatally on the 23d. An event so sudden, though in a measure, not unexpected, has thrown the nation into the deepest gloom. It is not for our pen to write his eulogium—abler and older hands have attempted it, in the Senate and House, and failed! His great services to his country, at home and abroad, his long career of usefulness, and his many bright and shining virtues as a public man and a private citizen, are indelibly engraved on the hearts and memories of his countrymen; and his name, associated as it is with the past and the present, will be held in grateful remembrance while the Union lasts. He was emphatically the last link between the heroic men of the revolution and the present generation. Born in 1767, he was taught patriotism and love of country in the eventful struggle that wrested from England a colony and gave to the world a nation. Though he may have been at times a partizan, his course for the past few years shows that he had lived down all such feelings, and was only actuated by motives of the purest philanthropy and most exalted love of country. Peace to his ashes!

The following condensed sketch of his life we find in the New York True Sun. It will be read with interest by all. It brings his biography up to the time of his elevation to the Presidency by the House of Representatives in 1821; since which event his history is to well known to need recapitulation:—

Mr. Adams was born at Braintree, in Massachusetts, on Saturday, July 11, 1767. In the eleventh year of his age he accompanied his father to France, who was sent by Congress, as joint commissioner, with Benjamin Franklin and Arthur Lee, to the Court of Versailles, and returned in August, 1779.

In November of the same year his father was again despatched to Europe, for the discharge of the diplomatic services. He took his son out with him, and arrived in January, 1790. The son was immediately put to school. In July of that year Mr. Adams removed to Holland. There his son was first placed in the public city school at Amsterdam, and afterwards the University at Leyden. In July, 1781, Mr. Francis Dane, who had accompanied John Adams as secretary of the embassy with which he was charged, received the commission of Minister Plenipotentiary to the Empress of Russia, and took John Quincy Adams, then fourteen years old, with him as his private secretary. Here the younger Adams remained until October, 1782, when he left Mr. Dane at St. Petersburgh and returned to Holland, and continued several months, in Holland, until his father took him to Paris, where he was at the signing of the treaty of peace, which took place in September of that year, and from that time to May, 1785, he was for the most part with his father in England, Holland and France.

Returning to his native country, he entered Harvard University, at an advanced standing, and graduated with honor as bacelor of arts in 1787. He then entered the office of Theophilus Parsons, at Newburyport, afterwards Chief Justice of Massachusetts; and after the usual term of three years passed in the study of the law, he entered the profession and established himself at Boston.

In May, 1794, he was appointed by Washington, without any intimation of such a design, either to him or to his father, Minister resident to the United Netherlands.

From 1794 to 1801 he was in Europe, employed in diplomatic business, and as a public minister, in Holland, England and Prussia.—Just as President Washington was retiring from office, he appointed him Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of Portugal. While on his way to Lisbon he received a new commission changing his destination to Berlin.—He resided in Berlin from November, 1797, to April, 1801; and while there concluded a treaty of commerce with Prussia, thus accomplishing the object of his mission. He was then recalled, just before the close of his father's administration, and arrived in Philadelphia in September, 1801.

In 1802 he was elected from the Boston district, a member of the Massachusetts Senate, and was soon after appointed by the Legislature of that State, a Senator in the Congress of the United States for six years from the 4th of March, 1803.

In March, 1809, President Madison nominated him Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of Russia.

Some time previous to this, however, in 1806, he had been appointed professor of Rhetoric in Harvard University, at Cambridge, in Massachusetts.

Mr. Adams signalized himself while in Russia by the discharge of the trust committed to him. It was through his instrumentality that the Russian court was induced to take active measure to promote a pacification between England and the United States during the last war.

When the proper time came, he was named at the head of the five commissioners who were appointed by President Madison to negotiate a treaty of peace with Great Britain. This celebrated diplomatic transaction took place at Ghent in December, 1814. Mr. Adams then proceeded, in conjunction with Henry Clay and Albert Gallatin, who had been associated with him in concluding the treaty of peace, to negotiate a convention of commerce with Great Britain, and he was forthwith appointed by President Madison Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of St. James. After having occupied that post until the close of President Madison's administration, he was at length called home, in 1817, to the head of the Department of State, at the formation of the cabinet of President Monroe.

Mr. Adams' career as a foreign minister terminated at this point. It has never been paralleled in the length of time it covered, or the number of courts at which he represented his country.

While Secretary of State—an office which he held during the eight years of President Monroe's administration—he discharged his duties in such a manner as to increase the confidence of his countrymen in his ability. Under his influence the claims on Spain were adjusted, Florida ceded to the Union, and the republics of South America recognized.

☞ The celebrated singers, the Baker Family, are holding forth to crowded houses in Albany. The Express says, that they intend going west. We hope that they may revisit this place—we should like to hear them once more.

For the Erie Observer.

REPORT of Col. J. J. Abert, Chief the Bureau of Topographical Engineers in reference to the Commerce of the Lakes and Western Rivers, submitted to Congress January 6, 1848.

This report, transmitted to Congress agreeably to a call therefrom, is now before me. A more full and complete exposition of the subject of which it treats, has probably never before been laid before the American people.—The subject matter of this exposition takes a wide range, as will be seen by the following specifications of the several heads: "1. The Commerce of the Lakes, and its probable increase. 2. The same of the western rivers. 3. The population depending upon the lakes as a means of communicating with a market. 4. The amount of tonnage employed upon the lake trade; distinguishing, as far as practicable, between steamboats, propellers, sailing craft; and number of hands employed in the trade. 5. Facilities of communication, by railroad and canals, with the Mississippi and the Atlantic. 6. Adaptation of the commercial means of the lakes to purposes of defence, and of military operations generally. 7. Extent of lake coast; and of the same in the different States and Territories; harbors in this extent; their condition and usefulness, and a comparison of their present conditon with that before improvements were made.—8. Means of communication in the British provinces, by roads and canals, with their ports and harbors on the lakes, and the condition of the latter. 9. Adaptation of the British commercial means of the lakes to the purposes of military operations generally."

The enumeration of these several points of enquiry will at once give the scope and object of the report. To become convinced of the scientific manner in which the results arrived at are reached and of the absence of all that may be called merely speculative, or not inferable from the facts collected, the report must be read as a whole. To enter into an analysis of it to show this, would be, within the confined limits to which I am restricted in a newspaper article, out of place; and therefore to all those who take pleasure in seeing such matters treated with precision, I would recommend the perusal of the report itself.

At the outset of the report, there are some just considerations and reflections, which, on account of their value and the great importance to which they point, of the establishment of a more thorough system than at present exists of arriving at the elements of a just and precise knowledge of our internal trade and commerce, I cannot withhold from the reader. They are as follows:

"The absence of any established system of statistics in reference to our internal commerce, will, until so serious a defect in our national policy be adequately remedied, render it extremely difficult, to answer questions of this kind with the precision due to their intrinsic importance, and to their eminent influence upon the prosperity of the nation.—The internal commerce of all nations vastly exceeds their external, and is a more infallible measure of their strength. It is only from a knowledge of this commerce which is a knowledge of the products of all kinds of a country, and of the interchange of these products, that the capacity of a country can be properly estimated; its ability to sustain itself in seasons of adversity, and to turn a helping hand to others. And it is also from a knowledge of these products, that a sound judgement can be formed of those national interests which may require some adventitious aid, and of those which may ably sustain themselves. Or, in our intercourse with other nations, that the statesman can decide upon the position which his country can take from a correct knowledge of her own resources, and of her own consequent independence. A nation may be obliged to endure a wrong, or be able to resent it, according to the condition of her internal resources, for on the strength of these her ability to resist chiefly depends. The productive industry of a nation may be considered as measured by its internal and external trade and commerce, and the external trade and commerce may be considered as the measure of national profit; as the external commerce of a nation consists of those national products which are not wanted at home, or which can be conveniently spared. Each react upon the other, giving life and strength to both; a correct knowledge of each is therefore of the greatest importance in obtaining a correct knowledge of the whole. Our revenue system gives us an exact knowledge of that portion of our productive industry which forms our foreign commerce; but the system has not been extended so as to obtain a knowledge of our internal trade and commerce. This immense amount of natural resources, and this vast measure of national strength, has, as yet, been left, that is, a correct knowledge of it, to individual efforts, and accidental investigation; or, in other words, it is yet in want of some established system by which its details can be collected with the same reliable accuracy as those of our foreign commerce. Considering how essential this knowledge is to the forming of sound opinions of the fiscal or military power of a people, we think it will be readily admitted, that a system by which this knowledge shall be obtained, cannot be too carefully established or too highly cherished."

These reflections, it strikes the writer, are not more philosophical, than they are concise and cogent; and they cannot but have a tendency to the accomplishment of the desideratum so ably presented. The report then goes on to discuss the several points of enquiry, as already given above.

According to the best data available, the Bureau, in a report of November, 1843, represented the floating value of the lake commerce, for the year 1841, to be—

Of imports,	$33,483,441 00
Of exports,	31,342,541 00
Making a total of	$65,825,982 00

as the floating value of the lake commerce for that year.

From a consolidated return, in the present report, of the exports and imports of the lake harbors, for 1846, including those of lakes, Champlain, Ontario, Erie, and the port of Chicago upon lake Michigan—those of the 12 other harbors of this lake are not given on account of there having been no returns, or but imperfect ones rendered—the grand aggregate value of these exports and imports is represented to be $123,829,821 00.

But, as the report justly remarks, there can be no doubt that the total amount of exports and imports of the lakes, as just given, is a duplicate commerce; the exports of one place being the imports of another; and therefore the assumption of but half the amount as being the net moneyed value of the lake commerce, is but reasonable and proper. The net value then of this commerce for the year 1846, was $61,914,910; and as, according to the same rule, the net value of the commerce for 1841, must be placed at $32,912,991; it shows an increase in five years, of nearly 100 per cent., or, more precisely, an average annual increase of 17 62-100 per cent.

The registered, enrolled, and licensed tonnage of the lakes, according to the official reports of the Treasury Department, amounted, in 1846, to 106,836 tons. From the same authority, this tonnage amounted, in 1841, to 56,252 tons. The increase in five years was then nearly 100 per cent., or annually at an average rate of 17 98-100 per cent.

The number of clearances and entrances was, in 1846, 15,855, and of goods imported and exported, 3,861,088 tons. The amount of goods imported and exported in 1841 was 2,-302 tons. The increase then in five years was nearly 100 per cent., or annually at the average rate of 17 27-100 per cent.

Col. Abert very pertinently remarks:—"The striking coincidence in the average rates of increase from 1841, to and including 1846, of these several aspects under which the lake commerce has been considered, namely—its moneyed value, its licensed tonnage and its tons of merchandize exported and imported; will, I hope, be received as some evidence of careful investigation, and will gain confidence for the facts reported."

The number of passengers in all directions upon the lakes for the year 1846 was not less, according to Mr. Barton—who has published some statistics relative to lake commerce—than 250,000. Assuming then, as Col. Abert does, that the average charges upon each passenger, amount to $5, the value of this item of lake commerce, could not, for that year, have been less than $1,250,000.

The number of mariners employed in 1846 was, by the Treasury Department returns, 6,972.

In regard to the probable increase of the commerce of the lakes, the reports speaks as follows: "It is difficult to approach this part of the inquiry without fear of appearing to exaggerate. Those who know these lakes thirty years ago, and know them now, will admit that existing facts have baffled human anticipations, and that the wildest speculations of the imagination have been more than realized in the vast increase of their commerce. Then, if we examine into the elements of this increase, we can perceive no reason to doubt a less energetic action of these elements, for many years to come, than has been realized in the past. The regions whose intercourse is facilitated by the commerce; the productiveness of the soil of the adjacent States, extent of that soil, and extent of lands yet unoccupied; the population depending upon the lakes as a means of communicating with a market already great, and daily increasing; the agreeableness of the climate and general salubrity; the character of the population and of the foreign emigrant, to whom the lake region is so great a favorite; the cheapness of the canal—all these elements of increase now exert as great energy as heretofore, and must continue to exert on equal energy, for many years to come. If it be supposed that merely for the ensuing ten years, the increase will be equal to that of the last five, it will justify the following results. We have found that increase, under all the aspects in which the trade has been viewed, to exceed the annual average of 17 per cent. We will take 17 per cent., and apply it to the net amout of the commerce of 1846:

That com. has been shown to be	$61,914,910
To which add the pas'rs trade of	1,250,000
And, we have a total of	$63,164,910
This amount for ten years, at 17 per cent. will be in 1857	$170,515,257*

The Colonel then goes on to remark, that he has no reason to doubt the correctness of this estimate, and feels under no apprehension of being represented for exaggerating, after ten years shall have passed away."

But I fear that I have already extented this article too far, and therefore what I may have to say in regard to the rest of the report, must be reserved for some future communication.

X. Y. Z.

* The net value is alone involved in this amount; that is half of the floating, or aggregate value of the exports and imports.

Melancholy and Fatal Accident.

A melancholy and fatal accident occurred at the house of Col. B. F. Norris, in Greene township, in this county, on the 22d ult., by premature discharge of a cannon. A young man named Edward Chipman, formerly of North Java, Wyoming county, N. Y., where his mother still resides, was in the act of placing the cartridge in the gun, and to do so had inserted his arm to the shoulder, when it exploded, shattering his arm in a horrible manner, and causing his death in a few hours. He was about eighteen years of age, and was a young man of good character and promise.

☞ The Livingston & Wells line of Telegraph have their wires up as far as Fredonia, and are coming this way with all possible dispatch. We shall soon have two telegraphic lines of communication.

Taylor Meeting in New York.

There was a very large Taylor demonstration in New York on the night of the 22d, at which Hugh Maxwell presided. It was held at Niblo's Garden. Among the Vice Presidents we notice the name of James Harper, late native American mayor of New York; while others of that defunct party appear to have taken part in the proceedings.—Mr. Henry J. Raymond of the Courier & Enquirer, presented the address and resolutions, and speeches were made by Ogden Hoffman, Mr. Gentry, of the House of representatives, Col. Baker, of Illinois, Col. Morrison of the same State, and last, though not least, Gen. Peter Sken Smith, of the "church burner's" Native American organ, Philadelphia.

☞ Will the editor of the Fredonia Express give us the name of "the *gentleman*" who informed him that there had been over 150 cases of small-pox in this city? This community would very much like to know the name of a "*gentleman*" that will lie in that manner.

☞ Another Canton Factory is to be established at Lancaster city. Gen. James, of Massachusetts, is at the head of the enterprise. It will be for the manufacture of drillings and Canton flannels. What "ruin."

Peace with Mexico.

The rumors of the receipt, at Washington, of propositions of peace from Mexico, given in our last, proved correct. A treaty has been received by the President, and submitted to the Senate. What its terms are, is not certainly known, but rumor, that prolific mother, sets down the Rio Grande as the boundary to the southern line of New Mexico, thence west to the waters of the river Gila down that to the Colorado, thence to the Gulf of California, and west to the Pacific, giving us New Mexico and Upper California entire, in consideration of which we are to pay Mexico fifteen millions of dollars, and assume the claims of our citzens against that country.—Whether these terms are correct, and will be acceptable to the Senate, yet remains to be seen. For our part, we doubt it; and much as we desire peace, we agree with the New York True Sun, that it is not the part of wisdom or patriotism to act hastily upon the first propositions that are made. We have no doubt but that these propositions can be made the basis of a treaty far more advantageous and honorable to our country than that which would be secured by their acceptance in their reported shape. The firmness, as well as the moderation, of the Senate will secure this; and we trust that too great a readiness to accede to any terms which an arrogant and treacherous enemy has seen fit to offer, after compelling us to *conquer*, at a vast expense of blood and treasure, the territory which it is now coolly proposed to sell us at a good round price, may not be manifested by the treaty-making power of our government. If the American people, by the events of this war, have not placed themselves in a position to demand what is right in any treaty that may now be made, then, in sober verity, the blood of our fellow-citizens has drenched the soil of Mexico in vain, and our glorious victories have been but showy and profitless pageants. A peace, to be permanent, must be right. There are few, we believe, who consider that the terms generally reported to be offered in the proposed treaty, are such as Mexico has any right to expect of our government. This opinion is said to be very general at Washington, and with the members of the Senate: and yet great confidence is expressed that the terms will be acceded to as they stand. We are disposed to confide too far, however, in the wisdom of the Senate and its regard for the honor of the country, to believe that any treaty will be concluded on, which would be in any respect derogatory to our character as a nation, and which would not secure, beyond a contingency, that full indemnity which we have a right to demand.

Postage on Newspapers.

A friend at Harrisburg writes us that the publishers in our Atlantic cities are organizing an effort to induce Congress to so amend the post office laws, as to discriminate in favor of their mammoth sheets of trash, and against the country or local press. We have seen indications of this movement in a number of quarters, and have no doubt it is as our correspondent states. Whether they will be able to succeed or not is problematical—they will not, we are confident, if the country press awake to the importance of the subject, and take immediate and prompt action in the premises.

A more unjust system of newspaper postage than the present, could scarcely have been conceived. The late law, giving the newspapers the right to be conveyed free for the distance of thirty miles, was somewhat better, but fell far short of what the interest of the people and the country publishers demanded. We do not wish to be protected by laws—justice, even and exact justice, is all we ask. Give us this and we will be satisfied. But what equity is there in subjecting our paper to a postage of one cent for being carried in the mail five miles, and charging only that amount on the mammoth weeklies from Philadelphia to this place, a distance of four hundred miles! The least particle of common sense will teach the reader that there is none. Again, what justice is there in charging one cent for carrying the country papers one mile over thirty, and exacting only that amount for carrying the city mammoths three hundred and seventy miles over thirty? None at all! Let all newspapers pass free within the county or Congressional district (as the wisdom of Congress may determine) in which they are printed, and beyond that let them be charged according to distance and size or weight. This would be just to all concerned—we of the country press, as well as they of the city, who estimate their profits by the thousands.

Brethren of the country press, do you wish to bring about an order of things like the one indicated above? If you do, you have but to speak and it is accomplished! The city press boasts of its influence, but we of the country require no bragadocia to sustain us—the cards are in our own hands—we have but to follow suit and trump, and the game is ours! You hear the motion, then, gentlemen; all you that are in favor of it, will say aye!—those of a contrary opinion will hold your tongues now, and soon you will have no tongues to hold!

☞ We see that Wm. S. Lane, Esq., of this city, is honored with the nomination of Presidential elector for this district, by the Taylor Convention, which met at Harrisburg, on the 22d. Mr. Lane, if we understand his position, is an out and out Scott or Clay whig. How, then, he will like the company of such democrats as the Hon. Charles Shaler and John P. Bucher, Esq., remains to be seen.

Graham's Magazine.

The March number of this handsome periodical has made its appearance, adorned with two finely executed engravings, entitled "Expectation," and "Contemplation." They are companion pictures and appear very natural. The fashion plate is by the latest arrival—the style is pretty, and if we mistake not, will be speedily followed by the ladies.—The original writings are in good taste and filled with interest.

☞ The friends of Lieut. Anderson, of the 3d dragoons, will be pleased to learn of his promotion to the Quartermaster's department, with the rank of Captain.

☞ A correspondent of the Tribune states that Richard P. Robinson, of Ellen Jewitt notoriety, recently died in West Florida.—He has kept a small drug store, and was very recluse in his habits, studiously avoiding all mention of his home and friends.

From Mexico.

Correspondence of the Erie Observer.

Camp near Mier, Mexico, January 23, 1848.

Messrs. Editors.—Enclosed I send you a rose; it is faded now, and by the time it reaches Int. 42 will be crystalized by frost, but I picked it, fresh and blooming, on new-years day from Arista's garden at Monterey.

But perhaps you and your subscribers, as you set cozily by your blazing hearths, might be amused by a perusal of a sketch of my trip to that place—so "I'll do my boyish best."

It was Christmas morning when some hundred and twenty horsemen, regulars and volunteers, an escort to a train of wagons, packmules &c., were wending their way over the hills, on the road that leads from Mier to Monterey, your modest correspondent in the crowd. For the first three days march the face of the country is extremely uninteresting, being slightly undulating, covered with a scrubby parched chapparel, with scarce the sign of a habitation.

From the first, however, the blue and indistinct line of the mountains of Ceralvo and Monterey, give promise to the traveler of greater variety of scenery, and under this anticipation we trudged along as merrily as the nature of the case would admit. As the advance guard moved along, the affrighted ravens rose in flocks from the carcass of some horse or mule; the road being traveled so much by trains, is literally lined with skeletons of this kind, and sometimes even of man. At all the usual camping places we found these birds in herds, and before the train could leave in the morning, the ground was literally black with the hungry creatures.

On the second day's march we sat down by a collection of house-walls, that had once been a flourishing rancho, but the rough hand of war came, the torch was applied, and now nothing remains but the charred and blackened walls, surrounded by desolate fields. On the third day we made the village of Ceralvo, but like most Mexican towns you are not aware of its proximity until you are plump upon it. The town is very pleasantly situated on a little stream of good water, which runs pretty much through its centre, now ripling along by the foot of some tall live-oak; very refreshing to the sight—now dancing in a gentle cascade, its bright waters sparkling in the sun, until at length the merry little fellow, satisfied with its fun, leaves the place in the quiet possession of the 16th infantry, a detachment of which is stationed here.—After a thorough renovation of our good-looking person from the dust, cleansing our throat with a "wee drap," we sat down in the barracks at the officers' mess with as jolly a set of lads as ever came to the wars.

At this place our escort was increased—the train consisting of near three-hundred wagons again uncoiled, and we vaulted into our saddles and were once more upon the road.—About four miles from this place rise (as is common in this country) abruptly from the plain the Ceralvo mountains, and beyond them, to the front and left, the mountains that surround Monterey. Our path ran over a broken, rocky country, winding and torturing itself into a narrow pass, where we encamped on the second day. Here the hills rose in huge, barren heights all about us; toward Monterey hill upon hill are piled up, until their towering heights are lost in the blue mists of Heaven. We were entranced with the view, but were suddenly awakened by a remark at our elbow to the effect, that "them's mighty like tater hills," whereupon a discussion arose as to whether "Irish" or sweet potato hills, but the fellow being a Carolinian, and fond of the latter, swore by the point of his blade that they resembled the latter. The next day we passed through the town of Reymas, a place that was burnt by the troops last year, and of course deserted by all save one or two families. It was about two miles beyond this, that Smith's train was massacred in Feb. '46, and as we passed over the ground the bones of our murdered countrymen were still to be seen upon the field, with here and there burnt portions of wagons or harness. The train had an escort of thirty infantry soldiers, and the Mexican lancers, thirteen hundred strong, under the notorious Canales, took them prisoners at a dash and murdered about sixty unarmed teamsters. This was glory for the *magnanimous* nation.

As we passed through Marin, rather a handsome place, by the way, every citizen, male and female, seemed to have turned pediar, the streets being lined with dealers in pies, cakes, oranges, &c. Passing out by the west end of the town, the valley (proper) of Monterey, opened to us in all its rich expansiveness. The next day we made the "Camp near Monterey," and in doing so traveled over a region of very rich soil, particularly after you leave Ague-Frio, (cold-river) distant eight miles from Marin.

Fine fields of corn and sugar-cane are on either side, surrounding considerable ranchos—the farms irrigated by artificial streams of good water running through them, and the business seems to be conducted generally on more scientific principles than any other region that I have seen on this line.

"Camp near Monterey" is a place made sacred to American memory from its associations. It has been called the "Walnut-springs," but from what circumstance, this deponant saith not—there not being the sign of a walnut about. There were some *live-oak*, however, under whose broad, spreading arms we pitched our tents, and made ourselves about as comfortable as soldiers generally get to be.

A short ride of three miles, brings you now to the city, which is about two miles long, by three-fourths wide, built of limestone rock, immense quarries of which are all about it in the mountains, in the shadow of which the place stands. But to enjoy the view we will ascend the famous position known as the "Bishop's Palace," from which the whole panorama of city, plain and mountain, bursts at once upon the enraptured gaze. The city with its gardens, orange orchards, its squares, markets, and massive churches whose square turrets rise above all; surrounding it are those fortifications over which the fiery volunteers charged in masses of living steel—there the Black Fort, (a bull I think, for no fort could be whiter) with its shining walls, and black guns commanding the plain below; immediately about you are the heights over which the steady columns of Gen. Worth rolled like a fiery wave; yonder are the house-tops upon which the Texas rangers stood when the flag of truce was sent out, and a little beyond them the Church and *Grand Plaza*, and beyond all these tower the Saddle, and other mountains, whilst vistas between them lead to *Saltillo* and *Wa-hoo-ha*. Returning through the town we met the brass band, and behind it wave upon wave came the scared ranks of the 10th infantry: they were moving to the Black-Fort, where a grand review was to end the military ceremonies of New-Year day in Monterey. Yours,

OMEGO.

Case of Lieut. Col. Fremont.

The finale of the Fremont Court Martial is at last known. The Court found him guilty of the following charges, viz: 1st., "Mutiny; 2d. Disobedience of the lawful commands of his superior officers; 3d. Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline"—and sentenced him "to be dismissed from the service." Accompanying these specifications was a recommendation, signed by seven of the members of the Court, that the accused receive the "lenient consideration of the President." Although the President dissented from the Court in regard to the first charge of mutiny being sustained, he approved of the balance and of the sentence, but, in consideration of the peculiar circumstances of the case, and of the previous meritorious and valuable services of Lieut. Col. Fremont, and of the foregoing recommendation of a majority of the members of the court, the penalty of dismissal from the service he remitted. The Colonel, however, immediately resigned his commission upon the ground that he was not conscious of having done any thing to merit the finding of this court against him, and could not seem to admit its justice by accepting executive clemency. Thus has one of the best, most enterprising and promising officers in the army, been persecuted and driven from the service by the childish jealousy of his old and superannuated superiors. We verily believe Col. Fremont's only crime was that he had distinguished himself young, and by his intrepidity and talent, secured a place in the heart's his countrymen that others, though grown gray in the service, had neither the energy nor talent to attain. This was his crime, and for this he has been sacrificed! Let the country remember him and them!

"A few more Left."

This saying of the "razor-strop man," is peculiarly applicable to Gen. Taylor's propensity to write letters. In addition to the score already before the public, we now have a new addition of two more "never before published," and we doubt not, there are a "few more left of the same sort." We have only room for one of them. It is addressed to Gen. Peter Sken Smith, a leading and ardent member of the native American party in Philadelphia, and is only one month old. The other is addressed to Joseph R. Ingersoll, and is dated more than six months ago. In this letter, the authenticity of which is by no means well established, General Taylor declares himself to be a "moderate Whig," but concludes with the promise, to be the President of the country, and not of a party. The other will be found below, and we cannot avoid calling the earnest attention of our readers to it, as a production singularly deserving of their attention. In this letter Gen. Taylor takes care, *twice*, in the strongest manner, to reassert his "*immutable*" determination not to be the candidate of any party! He is willing to accept the nomination of Natives, Democrats, and "Whigs," but he is not willing to be bound by the organization of the principles of either! All this is clearly and emphatically announced in his letter to General Smith, dated—

Baton Rouge, La., Jan. 30, 1848.

Sir—Your communication of the 15th inst. has been received, and the suggestions therein offered, duly considered.

In reply to your inquiries, I have again to repeat, that I have neither the power nor the desire to dictate to the American people the exact manner in which they should proceed to nominate me for the Presidency of the United States.

If they desire such a result, they must adopt the means best suited, in their opinion, to the consummation of the purpose: and if they think fit to bring me before them for this office, through their Legislatures, Mass meetings, or Conventions, I cannot object to their designating those bodies as Whig, Democratic, or Native; but being thus nominated, I must insist on the condition—and my position on this point is immutable—that I shall not be brought forward by them as the candidate of their party, or considered as the exponent of their party doctrines.

In conclusion I have to repeat, that if I were nominated for the Presidency by any body of my fellow-citizen, designated by any name they might choose to adopt, I should esteem it an honor, and would accept such nomination, provided it had been made entirely independent of party considerations.

I am sir, your obedient servant.

Peter Sken Smith, Esq. Z. TAYLOR.

The Unkindest Out of all.

The Kentucky Whig Convention have nominated Mr. Crittenden for Governor, and John S. Helm for Lieutenant Governor.—The Convention appointed delegates to the Whig National Convention, with directions to support the claims of Gen. Taylor for the Presidency. This is the unkindest cut of all.

☞ The following section of an act passed by the legislature, changing the place of holding the election in Greene township, we find in the last Gazette, the first place we ever saw it. Did the citizens of Greene wish this change? We doubt it.

Sec. 13. That hereafter the qualified electors of the township of Greene, in the county of Erie, shall hold their General and Township elections at the new School House near William Lawrence's on the "Lake Pleasant road" and at present in Sub-School district number fifteen in said township.

The New York True Sun has thrown off its neutrality, and is now an able and influential exponent of the Democratic policy.—It always has been one of our most valuable exchanges, and since it has become the organ of the Democracy of New York, without a "proviso," its value has become doubly enhanced!

☞ A lecturer on Mesmetism in Pittsburg professes to obliterate the recollection of any circumstance from the mind, by means of his art.—*Er. paper.*

We hope he'll come this way, as we would like to have him practice "his art" upon some of our creditors, it would be so very convenient to have them wait until we get ready to pay.

☞ T. Hart Hyatt, Esq., late editor of the New York Globe, has been appointed consul at Belfast, Ireland.

From Harrisburg.

Correspondence of the Erie Observer.

Harrisburg, Feb. 22, 1848.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Revenue Commissioners convened in the Supreme Court Room in the capitol on Friday, the 18th inst. at 11 oclock, A. M., Judge Banks in the chair. The list of members being called, all answered to their names but three. Judge Eldred was present and administered the requisite oath and affirmation to the President and members. All are new members except Eli K. Price, of the city of Philadelphia, who was a member of the last Board, consequently his experience is of great benefit to the present. Hon. John M. Forster was elected Clerk, and Mr. Gilloway, of Mercer, assistant. The Board at once proceeded to work, but labor under great disadvantages for want of the returns from the Commissioners of a large proportion of the counties. Under these circumstances, they are progressing with all the celerity possible, as the members are all desirous of dispatching the business as speedily as possible; and if the County Commissioners of the several counties, and the citizens generally, to whom interrogatories have been sent, be prompt in returning their answers, it will facilitate their action very much.

The Legislature is doing but little of importance. There was a discussion in the House on Saturday and Monday last on an amendment offered by Mr. Ball of your county to the bill from the Senate amending the charter of the Central Rail Road. Mr. Ball acquited himself, I thought, with much honor and credit. He opposed the extension of the powers of that corporation, showing in a strong unanswerable manner, that that corporation had already too great powers and privileges; and he came down with much force and power on the blind policy of the city of Philadelphia in pushing that rail road through to Pittsburgh, to the neglect of the Sunbury and Erie road. He did not let the Pittsburgers pass without notice, but exhibited their policy in aiding Cleveland to the neglect of Erie, in its true light.

The Taylor Convention convened in this place to-day. It is a slim affair, and attracts but little notice. Yours, &c. J.

☞ We have received the March number of Zieber & Co.'s "*Songs for the people.*"—The pieces are "Auld Robin Gray," "Perry's Victory," "Am I not fondly thine own?" "On Buena Vista's Bloody Field," "The Troubadour," &c., &c. The interest of the publication increases. The third number contains a fine biographical sketch of Jenny Lind, or as the Germans call her, the "Swedish Nightingale."

☞ The Federal papers are more *fabulous* than ever since the publication of Gen. Taylor's letter.

☞ The New York Tribune states that the names to the late call for the Taylor Mass Meeting in New York, embraced minors and emigrants!

☞ Gen. Taylor, in his letter to Mr. Ingersoll, hints that he will not decline a nomination of the Presidency, no matter from what party it comes. How would it be if Garrison and his followers were to take him up! Could he accept the nomination of men who are constantly selling his slaves to cut his throat!

Bids for Treasury Notes.—It is said that the Secretary of the Treasury has received bids at par for all the Treasury notes reissuable, amounting to six or seven millions of dollars. These bids have, it is said, been rejected, and the Secretary of the Treasury will, in all probability, invite offers for the amount re-issuable.—*Balt. Sun.*

Buffalo, March 2, 1848.

No new feature in the market yesterday. Flour sold at $4 87½ pretty freely. No movement in wheat and corn. No. 1, mess pork 9 50 a $10—smoked Hams 7cts. Prime butter 12½cts.

New York Feb. 29—7 P. M.

Flour—Sales of 1500 bbls. best brands, at $5.12½a5.50 per bbl. This is an advance over yesterday's prices and shows an upward tendency in the flour market.

Wheat—Sales of 2200 bushels Ohio at former prices. The market is active, and prices firm.

Corn—Sales of 8700 bushels prime yellow have taken place at 56a58c to 60c per bus—a slight advance since last advices—a good demand.

Whiskey—This article is declining. Sales of 6,900 bbls have occured at 22½c per. gal.

Mess Pork—Sales of 190 bbls prime mess pork have been made at $10 25 per bbl.

Oats—Small sales at 48c per bush., transactions are limited and the market firm.

MARRIED—On the 17th ult., by the Rev. William Todd, Mr. Thomas Vance, jr., to Miss Elizabeth Olivia Weible, both of Fairview.

In North East on the 1st inst., by A. W. Blaine, Esq., Mr. Charles Greenman and Miss Lidia Welch, both of that place.

DIED—On the night of the 25th ult., very suddenly, Mrs. Mary Newton, of Westfield, aged 71 years.

In this borough, on the 28th ult., suddenly, Mr. William Vaughn, aged about 40 years.

In Louisville, Kentucky, on the night of the 12th of February last, of sympathetic Consumption, Mrs. Dorcas Bell Boyd, *in the 37th* year of her age, consort of James L. Boyd, formerly of Erie.

Of Bronchial Consumption, on the 22d ult., at the residence of her father in Wayne, Susan, daughter of Joseph P. and Clara Grant, in the 20th year of her age.

In Springfield, on the 19th ult., Jas. Thomas, Sr., in consequence of a paralytic stroke, in his 88th year.

☞ Donation visit.—A general Donation Party will go off on the afternoon and evening of the 7th of March, for the benefit of Rev. Mr. Stubbs, at his dwelling on Fifth st. A general invitation is hereby extended, and gifts have been dispensed with. Erie Fe 2[illegible]

☞ In reply to the communication of Dr. G[illegible] has seen fit to address us, upon the subject of weekly notices of G. C. Vaughn's Lithontriptic Mixture—the Great American Remedy—we have only to say in one which has appeared in these columns testimony to the great curative power of this celebrated article of Medicine, is a genuine one, whatever worthy friend may think, no fiction is used here, the questions our word after this, we would ask him take the name of any person he has ever found no[illegible] ved, the place of residence, and send a post paid let[illegible] the person, if he does not receive a satisfactory [illegible] both as regards the genuineness of the names given the character of the medicine alluded to also, send [illegible] our satisfaction, and stand convicted of perjury. this satisfy the Doctor? We happen to know the [illegible] age engaged in when we put such notices in the [illegible] ble Lithontriptic is doing great good all over the [illegible] and seems to be the remedy for all complaints. [illegible] Agents in this vicinity, whose names are under [illegible] advertisement in our paper, will inform the doubt[illegible] a pamphlet and read.

☞ Valuable vegetable remedy.—Swayn's Compound Syrup of Wild Cherry is mild and pleasant to the taste, perfectly safe and [illegible] in its operations, and yet is one of the most powerful certain remedies for Consumption of the Lungs, Colds Asthma, Spitting of Blood, Liver Complaint, in the Side or Breast and general debility of the [illegible] tution, that ever was invented by the skill of man [illegible] relief of the afflicted public. Certificates and [illegible] of its wonderful curative powers are daily received [illegible] all quarters. It is impossible to conceive the [illegible] of suffering and misery that has been relieved [illegible] by it; nor can we calculate the immense benefits [illegible] accrue from it hereafter. All agents, sales and [illegible] are also offered the use of Dr. Swayn's [illegible]

...constitution repaired, and health re... use of Dr. Swayne's Compound Syrup of ... Wild Cherry. How many sufferers do we daily behold ... around us, unfortunately grave wrecks!, in the bloom ... and friends, afflicted with ... Consumption, which wastes the mover... ... to the power of human skill. ... Swayne's ... would fe make trial of Dr. Swayne's ... Wild Cherry, they would find them... ... than can be had ... A. GAREL. ... 2m42

Lake Shop—The Telegraph.

WOULD a use all common clothed persons ... Telegraph Office for ... and it to go through a week can't ... This is no humbug good. ... W. C. BRALEY. ... March 4, 1848. 1-32

Public Vendue.

On Wednesday, March 15 h, at 10 o'clock A. M. the subscriber will offer for sale at his ... in Venango township, his entire assort... of FARMING UTENSILS, comprising ... thing under that head, besides ... Cow, Cow, &c., together with a variety of ... and Kitchen Furniture. Liberal credit ... ISAAC CHURCH. ... Venango, Feb. 18, 1848. 2 32.

COST.—Allen & Coit will sell the whole ... the balance of their stock of Dry Goods at ... COST, in order to make room for the ... trade. Please call and save yourselves ... Store. March 4, 1848.

VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE.

THE subscribers offer for sale a valuable farm ... situated in Wayne Township, in this county ... containing 120 acres of land, 80 acres of ... which are cleared and under the best possible ... state of cultivation—the remainder is timbered ... a part of which is pine. The farm is well ... watered, has a good orchard of choice and select ... fruit, and has erected thereon an excellent and ... convenient farm house, two good barns with ... sheds, &c. It has two never failing wells of ex... cellent water, and offers a fine situation for a ... country house. It is also handy to schools and ... churches. They will sell with it, if desired, the ... following utensils on the place—a wagon, buggy, ... sleighs, &c., with the tools, stock, crops, &c.— ... For terms, &c., apply to the proprietors, or ... JOSEPH P. GRANT, Wayne. ... BENJAMIN GRANT, Erie. ... March 1, 1848. 3t42

BROOMS, a good article, may be had for 12 ... cents of H. COOK, ... March 4, 1848. 42

POWDER—Kentucky Rifle Gunpowder, a ... very superior article, for sale by H. COOK. ... March 4, 1848. 42.

CITRON, English Currants, Mace, Cloves, ... Cinnamon, &c. &c. &c. H. COOK. ... March 4, 1848. 42

PROPOSALS FOR BITUMINOUS COAL.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, ... Bureau of Construction, Equipment and Repair, ... February 16, 1848.

SEALED PROPOSALS, (endorsed "Proposals for Coal,") will be received at this Bureau until 5 o'clock, P. M., of the 17th March next, for washing and delivering at such port or ports as the Gulf of Mexico as the Bureau may direct, from board any vessel in the Gulf of Mexico that the commanding naval officer may direct on its arrival, such quantity or quantities of the best Bituminous Lump Coal, suitable for steamers, as may, from time to time, during twelve months from the date of the contract, be ordered by the Bureau, on fifteen days previous notice being given of its shipment—the deliveries to be made as soon thereafter as practicable.

Persons who will be appointed by the Bureau to inspect and examine it before being shipped; and

The Coal must be such as shall be approved by the vessels employed in transporting it shall, in no case, exceed the draught of water specified by the Bureau.

One lay day (Sundays excepted) to be allowed for every twenty five tons burden for each vessel, to commence from the next day after she is reported to have arrived at her place of destination.

The commanding naval officer of the United States squadron in the Gulf of Mexico to have the right of detaining vessels longer than may be necessary to deliver the Coal, if he should deem it expedient, in which case demurrage will be paid by the United States at the rate agreed upon.—The rate of demurrage asked per ton, custom-house measurement of the vessel, for each day's detention over the lay days, must be stated in the respective offers.

Persons who may be desirous to offer, are requested not to go beyond the quantity they can certainly deliver at the times which may be specified in the orders, as no extension of time can or will be granted, and in all cases forfeiture will be rigidly exacted.

Bonds, with two approved sureties, will be required in half the estimated amount of the contract, and ten per cent. will be deducted from all bills, which will not be paid until the contract shall be completed according to its terms, the remaining ninety per cent of all bills duly approved will be paid within thirty days after their presentation to the proper authority.

Every offer must be accompanied by a written guaranty, (signed by one or more responsible persons,) to the effect that he or they undertake that the bidder or bidders will if his or their bid be accepted, enter into an obligation within five days, with good and sufficient sureties, to furnish the Coal as proposed. No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by such guaranty.

The Bureau reserves the right of rejecting offers submitted by persons who have failed to enter into a contract after their offers had been accepted, or who, after entering into contracts, failed to fulfil them. The offers must state the pits from which the Coal will be taken.

☞To be published twice a week until the 15th of March, in the Pennsylvanian, Public Ledger, and Keystone, Philapelphia; Erie Observer; Erie, Pa.; Morning Post, Pittsburgh.

Clover Seed.

200 Bushels just received from the Farmers of Erie county, and for sale at the lowest market price, at our store opposite the Eagle Hotel WILLIAMS & WRIGHT. February 3.

STRANGE FACTS.

FOR it is fairly and fully established, that Teeth can be extracted without pain or knowledge to the patient, by inhaling the Chloroform. It is pleasant and agreeable to the taste, in no way injurious to the nervous system and positively does not leave any effect that can be felt, after the first and immediate effect has passed off. The Chloroform has been procured by Elliott & Rose, for the accommodation of those whose fear and nervous debility and irritation, prevents them from getting rid of that most distressing of all pains—the tooth ache; also, for the removal of all dead and carious fangs. Under the influence of this (Chloroform) it can be done without pain or inconvenience to the patient. A number in this place who have tried it can testify to this fact. It is being extensively used in all the eastern cities, by Surgeons and Dentists, and with good effect. You that have need of an operation come and try it, and when tried you will acknowledge it to be all that is here represented. E. & R. also perform all other operations that belong to the Surgeon or Mechanical Dentist.—The latest and best improved teeth inserted on the most approved plan. Also, a new and superior plan of inserting pivot teeth; also, everything that is necessary for the preservation of the teeth in beauty and soundness, and heal the gums, sweeten the breath, &c. Residence and Office on Eighth st., near French. Your patronage is respectfully solicited by ELLIOTT & ROSE.

P. S.—Persons can be waited upon at their residence, if wished by directing to Elliott & Rose.

Erie, Feb. 26, 1848. tf41

IMPORTANT

TO WEEKLY SUBSCRIBERS.

HAVING enlarged our weekly paper, and increased greatly our means and facilities for working a large edition, we have resolved, after careful deliberation to reduce the price of

The Weekly Commercial Journal.

To advance paying Subscribers.

$1 50 cts. per Annum.

Four persons may club, and remitting Five dollars, obtain four copies for one year. No order will be attended to without the cash.

Subscribers in arrears will still be charged Two Dollars per annum. Those who have recently paid in advance, will have the benefit of the reduction, which is designed to take effect from the first July, instant.

Feb 26. 3t41

SUPPOSED TO BE STOLEN.

ON Saturday morning last, a man came to my premises with a large, cream colored mare, about 15 hands high, supposed to be about 12 years old, and ringboned a little on both fore legs. Also, a blue horse waggon, with iron axles, and an old harness. The man who brought this property to me was discovered in the act of painting the horse, and ran off, leaving the property near my house. The owner or owners will please come forward, prove property, and take them away. WM. COOPER, Cooper's Mill's, near Wesleyville. Feb, 23, 1848 3t41

FOR THE LADIES,

30 Pieces of English, Scotch and American best colored Ginghams, (choice patterns,) together with a few pieces of English Prints, (cashmere patterns,) can be bought cheap enough at WILLIAMS & WRIGHTS. Feb 26, 1848. 41

FOR SALE.

A VALUEBLE Farm containing about 180 acres of land, most ly cleared, and has a valuable orchard and other improvements, situated about one and one half miles from Girard village, being part of the farm of the late Thomas Niles. Said farm will be sold very low and a liberal credit will be given. Inquire of GEO. H. CUTLER, Agent. Girard, Feb 26, 1848. tf41

FOR SALE.

THE subscriber offers for sale his house and lot, No. 1322, situated on Eighth st., between German and Holland. The house is new and in good repair; the lot is stocked with a good selected row of choice fruit trees, free from all incumbrance, and title indisputable. The above property can be had cheap, for ready money, by applying to ALLEN ANCRAIG. Erie, Feb. 26, 1848. 3t41

Union Cotton Works, Pittsburgh, February 10, 1848.

OWING to alterations and improvements making at the Union Cotton Mill, some very good BEVEL WHEEL, gearing and SHAFTING, CARDS, and other second hand machinery, all or by of attention, are offered for sale. Address the proprietors. 3t40 MOORHEAD, COPELAND & Co.

NEW CONCERN.

H. COOK begs leave to call the attention of the public to a large and well selected stock of

FAMILY GROCERIES,

which have been purchased for cash and will positively be sold lower than articles of the same quality can be purchased in town as sell can satisfy themselves by calling at No. 5 Bonnell Block State Street. Erie, Dec. 10, 1847. 39

Annual Statement

Of the Commissioners of Erie County for the year 1847.

In compliance with law, the Commissioners of the county of Erie, make the following exhibit of the Receipts and Expenditures of said county for the year A. D. 1847, to which is an nexed a statement of the Duplicates of County and State taxes levied on each township and borough in the aforesaid county for the year aforesaid.—Also a statement of the Outstanding Debts due the County as per Auditor's Report of January, 19th, 1848.

RECEIPTS.

Amount Cash received of G. J. Ball, Esq., late Treasurer, in full, $7,138 69

COLLECTORS.

Amount rec'd of Collectors year 1846, 518 26

" " " 1846, on personal, 16 82

Amount rec'd of Collectors year 1847, County and State taxes on county rates, 20,508 48

FINES AND FEES.

Amount fines and jury fees paid by E W Blain, Esq., 116 00

Amount fines and jury fees paid by A Scott, Esq: 190 00

Amount fines and jury fees paid by Thos. Mayberry, Esq., and interest, 72 00

Amount fines and jury fees paid by M W Caughey, Sheriff. 349 00

Amount cash of Sheriff Caughey, being part fine of Johnson & Were, exonerated Sheriff McNair. 41 22

FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES.

Amount received of J C Marshall, Esq., on forfeited recognizances of J Davenport. 100 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Amount received of J H Campbell, Esq., on purchase of W Stanclift's Real Estate, (collector of 1839,) 40 00

Amount received of Commonwealth, being 5 per cent. on State tax of 1847, advanced, 460 52

Total amount of Receipts, including State tax received, $29,573 99

Expenditures.

COMMONWEALTH COSTS.

Amount paid Deputy Attorney General, Sheriff, Clerk of Quarter Sessions and in witnesses in Commonwealth cases, $382 68

ASSESSORS' PAY.

Amount paid the several Assessors and Assistant Assessors for taking the Triennial Assessment for the year 1847, to wit:

A W Brewster, assessor East Ward Borough Erie,	$60 00	
J C Spencer, assistant, do	6 00	
Wm B Hays, do do	6 00—72 00	
William Hoskinson, assessor West Ward Borough Erie,	60 00	
John A Tracy, assistant, do	10 00	
E B Matteson, do do	10 00—80 00	
Anthony Saltsman, assessor Millcreek,	60 00	
Andrew Nicholson, assistant do	9 00	
G H Wagner, do do	10 00—80 00	
Andrew Couse, assessor Harborcreek,	31 00	
Wm S Miner, assistant, do	4 50	
Z. Peck, do do	4 00—42 50	
Wm Crawford, assessor North East tp.	38 00	
Jacob Burt, assistant, do	5 00	
Edmund Hart, do do	5 00—48 00	
A W Blaine, assessor North East borough,	15 00	
J H Haynes, assistant do	2 00	
Samuel Malick, do do	2 00—19 00	
Jas. Wilson, assessor Greenfield,	15 00	
Wm Parker, assistant do	2 00	
J W Brown, do do	2 00—22 00	
Wm Blore, assessor Venango,	20 65	
John Yost, assis ant do	4 00	
H W Chapin, do do	4 00—29 65	
Porter Yates, assessor Watt-burg,	6 00	
O S Elliott, assistant do	1 00	
John R Smith, do do	1 00—10 00	
Eli Duncomb, assessor Amity,	15 00	
Amos Rathbun, assistant do	1 00	
Wm Hatch, do do	1 00—17 00	
Philander Miller, assessor Wayne,	28 00	
F W Hill, assistant do	5 00	
Wm B Pier, do do	5 00—38 00	
G A Olmstead, assessor Concord,	25 00	
Simeon Stewart, assis ant do	6 00	
J P Bellows, do do	6 00—37 00	
Ethel Shelmedine, assessor Union,	24 00	
John Gray, assistant do	4 50	
I B Phelps, do do	4 50—33 00	
Geo Weston, assessor, LeBoeuff.	36 00	
John Wood, assistant do	8 00	
Geo Kellison, do do	6 00—50 00	
Benj Skinner, ass't Waterford tp.	35 00	
Samuel Jewett, Jr. ass't do	7 00	
Ansel Wodsworth, do do	7 00—49 00	
Wm Benson, ass't Waterford bor.	15 00	
Simeon Hunt, do do	4 00	
Samuel Hutchins, do do	4 00—23 00	
Wm Graham, assessor Greene,	37 00	
E O Pinney, assistant do	6 00	
Jas Hamil on, do do	5 50—43 50	
Stutely Stafford, ass't McKean,	36 00	
Robt T Sterrett, assistant do	7 00	
Thos Dunn, Ja, do do	7 00—50 00	
Horace Powers, ass't Washington,	37 00	
P Bunting, ass. assistant do	7 00	
Richard Stillwell, do do	5 00—19 00	
E W Twitchell, ass't Edinboro,	12 00	
H R Terry, assistant do	2 00	
Uriah Hawkins, do do	2 00—16 00	
Orin G Wood, assessor Franklin,	17 00	
Levi Silverthorn, assis ant do	2 00	
Stephen Francis, do do	2 00—21 00	
M J Randall, assessor Elkcreek,	26 00	
Charles Sherman, assistant do	6 15	
Perry Kidder, do do	6 00—38 15	
James Alarey, assessor Conneaut,	30 00	
Henry Huntley, assistant do	4 00	
Ralph Bowman, do do	4 00—18 00	
Geo P Luther, assessor Fairview,	38 00	
Samuel C Sturgeon, assistant do	7 00	
Samuel Brecht, do do	7 00—52 00	
Wm Holliday, ass't Springfield,	36 00	
Abraham Eagly, assistant do	7 00	
Joseph Ware, do do	6 00—49 00	
Wm R Miller, assess or Girard,	50 00	
James McClelland, assistant do	9 00	
John Hay, do do	9 00—68 00	

Amount paid for Notices and Precepts, 20 00

Total am't for assessing for 1847, $1,108 73

Amount paid the several Assessors for taking the Assessment of the County for the year 1848, to wit.

James M Sterrett, assessor East Ward Borough Erie,	$31 00
William Hoskinson, assessor West Ward Borough Erie,	30 00
Wm Crosier, assessor Millcreek,	15 00
Calvin Leet, do Harborcreek,	20 75
Russell A White, do North East tp.	26 00
Alex Davidson, do North East bor.	9 00
Jeremiah Jones, do Greenfield	19 00
Jno McCullough, do Venango,	22 25
P G Finn, do Wattsburg,	7 00
Amos Rathbun, do Amity,	15 00
Herman Abbey, do Wayne,	23 01
Nathaniel Ames, do Concord.	21 00
C H Kennedy, do Union,	17 00
H C Mallory, do LeBoeuff,	52 50
Benj Avery, Jr. do Waterford tp.	27 00
James Hays, do do bor.	11 00
Z L Webster, do Greene,	28 00
Joseph Weldon, do McKean,	35 00
Alfred Greene, do Washington,	24 38
J J Culbertson, do Edinboro,	8 51
Orin G Wood, do Franklin,	11 00
John W Petnis, do Elkcreek,	20 00
John Spaulding, do Conneaut,	28 13
M M Kelso, do Fairview,	20 00
Alex Taggart, do Girard tp.	23 50
Elijah Smith, do Girard bor.	9 50
Hugh Morrell, do Springfield.	27 55
Amount paid for printing P ecep's,	5 50

$815 86

COUNTY BUILDINGS.

Amount paid for repairs on Jail,	$155 48
do do do Court House,	33 98
do do do offices & stoves,	30 60

$260 06

FUEL.

Amount paid for Coal and Wood for Jail, Court House, and Commissioner's Office,	$161 45

PRISON EXPENSES.

Amount paid P E Burton for boarding Prisoners,	$361 56
Amount paid sundry persons for clothing and bedding for Prisoners,	39 25
Amount paid Dr A Bebee one year's salary as Physician for Prisoners,	15 00
Amount paid John Dillon for ironing Prisoners,	2 50

$420 29

INCIDENTAL.

Amount paid sundry persons for candles, Posting, distributing assessments, and Election blanks, &c.	$31 53

REFUNDED TAXES.

Amount refunded to sundry persons for lands purchased at Treasurer's Sales which were assessed, returned, and sold in error,	$23 02

PRINTING.

Amount paid for publishing Annual Statement, Sheriff's proclamation of General Election, Advertising and Blank Forms,	$92 43

COUNTY BRIDGES.

Amount paid James Pollock, Esq., for Index Boards on County Bridge in LeBoeuff	$6 00
Amount paid Road Commissioners for repairing County Bridge in Fairview.	90 00
Amount paid L Robinson, Esq., for repairing County Bridge at Wattsburg,	17 90
Amount paid Rodney Smith for repairing county Bridge in Girard,	5 50

$119 40

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Amount paid Isaac Webster, Esq., for 61 days service as county commissioner, including 18 days holding appeals in the several townships an I boroughs,	$91 50
Amount paid Wm. E. Marvin, Esq., for 67 days s do. including 18 days holding appeals	100 50
Amount paid Wm. Campbell, Esq., for 52 days as do. including 2 days holding appeals	78 00
Amount paid Humphrey A. Hills, Esq., for 14 days as do.	21 00

JURORS.

Amount paid Trav. Jurors in Common Pleas,	618 78
" " " in Quar. Sessions,	912 06
" " Grand " " "	468 41

$1,999 25

COURT CRIER AND TIP STAVES.

Amount paid E. B. Lytle, Crier,	72 00
" " P Bryant, Tip Stave,	63 60
" " David Bian, do	49 25

$184 25

CONSTABLE'S RETURNS.

Amount paid constables for making returns to courts of Quarter Sessions and attendance on Grand Jury,	178 41

STATIONARY AND BOOKS.

Amount paid O. D. Spafford and others for Dockets for Prothonotary's and Register and Recorder's offices, and for paper, ink and quills for Commissioner's office and courts,	95 99

CLERK HIRE.

Amount paid com'rs and Auditors clerk,	510 00

Prothonotary's and Recorder's fee.

Amount paid Wilson King, Esq., Prothonotary and clerk of the several courts, his fees for issuing Vinires, certifying Jurors and constables pay, court fines and Jury fees, and for recording Election returns,	86 50
Amount paid T. Moorhead, Jr. Esq., his fees for recording Treasurer's bonds, &c.	5 50—92 00

CORONER.

Amount paid Thos. Dillon, Esq., cononer for holding post mortem inquisitions,	141 03

COMMISSIONER'S COUNSEL.

Amount paid J. Barnett Johnson, Esq., 1 years salary,	50 00

TOWNSHIP ELECTIONS.

Amount paid constables for advertising election and notifying officers elected,	102 80
Amount paid the several election Boards for holding Township Election, March 19, 1847, including making returns and attendance of Assessors,	263 78

$371 58

GENERAL ELECTION.

Amount paid assessors for posting up lists of taxables and attendance at election,	33 00
Am't. of bal. paid do. for 1846,	14 50
Am't paid the several Election Boards for holding general election on the 2d Tuesday in October, 1847,	341 50
Am't of ballance do. for 1846,	15 71

$404 71

MAPS.

Amount paid H. Hawes for connected drafts of the 10th Donation District and lands south of triangle line in Erie county,	20 00

SEALS AND PRESSES.

Am't paid H. S. Drake for Seal presses for Prothonotary's Register and Recorder's and Commissioner's offices,	21 37

SHERIFF.

Am't paid M. W. Caughey, Esq. Sh'ff, for conveying convicts to penitentiary,	91 30
Am't paid do. for summoning jurors,	103 00
" " J. H. Scott, Esq dep. sheriff of Allegheny county, for conveying prisoner to Erie county for trial,	43 08

POOR HOUSE.

Am't paid the directors in full of their requisition for the year 1847,	$240 38 3,530 00

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Am't paid C. Heck, Esq. costs in suits against vendors of foreign goods,	17 12
Am't paid J. S. Brown Esq. his expenses In carrying state funds to Pittsburg	14 87

AUDITORS.

Am't paid J. C. Marshall, Esq. Auditor for 6 days auditing accounts of Prothonotary and Register and Recorder,	$31 99
Am't paid Thomas Pierce, Esq. 11 days auditing the accounts of the county commissioners, county treasurer, directors of the poor and treasurers of the Erie and Waterford Academies.	9 00 16 50
Am't paid J. H. Campbell, 8 days do.	12 00
" " J. Chambers, 9 days do.	13 50

TREASURER.

Am't of commission allowed John S. Brown, Esq. county treasurer, by the commissioners, with the approval of the county Auditors, 4 1 2 per cent. on $10,329 15. amount of county warrants redeemed by him and cancelled by the Auditors,	$51 00 187 32

STATE FUNDS.

Am't paid to the Commonwealth, being the state proportion of cash received for taxes for 1847, on county rates and levies, in full for said year, excepting state tax on unseated lands,	9,189 98
Total amount of disbursements, including amount of state tax collected and paid commonwealth,	21,371 81
Am't of cash in the treasury,	8,767 91
	$30,142 75
Deduct for warran's in circulation,	568 76
	$29,573 99

NOTE.—The fees and allowances to collectors, for lost taxes on their duplicates, settled during the year, are not embraced in the foregoing statement; inasmuchas they were neither received in or paid out of the treasury, but are as follows:

Fees allowed cols. for yr 1845, state and co.		26 82
" " " 1846, county,		12
" " " 1847, st. and co.		1,100 26
Lost taxes, 1844, state,		10 87
" " 1847, state and co.		193 21
Exonerations allowed M. W. Caughey, sheri f, fines and fees uncollectable,		351 00
Ballance due from Wm. Stancliff, collector of Washington township for the year 1839 on suspended list		227 23
		$1,919 56

STATEMENT.

Of the several balances outstanding, January 1st. 1848, as per Auditors Report.

Balance outstanding on Unseated Lands for the year 1846, Co funds,		26 85
" " " 1846, Co. & State,		1297 64
" " " 1847, do.		1126 77

Balances due from Collectors.

Asa Pratt, Wattsburgh,	1843,	County,	$19 02
John Dunn, Millcreek	1846,	"	42 33
Ira Shadduck, Greenfield,	1846,	"	22 90
James Hamilton, Greene,	1846,	"	42 34
David M'Creary, Millcreek,	1847,	"	30 45
John H. Bennett, Venango,	1847,	"	31 64
Daniel Shepard, Amity,	1847,	"	61 75
Heman Heath, Concord,	1847,	"	6 78
W. Vincent, Waterford bo.	1847,	"	64 41
John Johnson, Greene.	1847,	"	69 55
Isaac Miller, Girard,	1847,	"	129 05

STATE TAX ON PERSONAL, NOW COUNTY FUNDS

Wm. Vincent Waterford bor.	1847		$22 80
Isaac Miller, Girard	1847		21 00

DUE FROM INDIVIDUALS.

Bal due from A Scott, fines & fees in judgt			171 08
" " E. W. M. Blaine, do.		"	305 11
" " W. E. M'Nair. do.		"	303 77
" " M. W. Caughey, fines & fees			223 00
" " Jas. M. Sterrett, interest on A. Miller's old account,			186 68

Total outstanding, including State tax, $4,186 92

Those Collectors marked thus * have paid up in full since se tlement.

NOTE.—The balances reported due from John Dunn and David M'Creary, Collectors of Millcreek township for the years 1846 and 1847, are made up of County and State taxes on a portion of the Academy land situated in that township, some of the Tenants in possession resisting the payment of taxes on said land, alledging that the Academy tract is not subject to assessment of taxes by law, and to test that question, a suit is now pending in the Court of Common Pleas of Erie county, consequently the aforesaid Collectors cannot close their Dublicate until that question is determined.

STATEMENT.

Of the amount of Dublicates of County, Poor and State Taxes levied on each of the respective Townships and Boroughs in the County of Erie, being thirty five cents County and Poor, and thirty cents State tax on every one hundred dollars of the valuation for the year 1847.

Townships and Collectors.	Total amount of co'y, poor, and st'e tax-es levied on county rates	State tax on occupations, offices, car & watches
East W. Erie, W. Himrod.	$2630 35	$196 23
West W. Erie, P. E. Burton.	2265 11	144 55
Millereek, D. M'Creary.	2708 18	4 00
Harbor-creek, Calvin Leet.	1219 54	4 75
North East tp. W. A. Robinson	1474 55	5 25
North East bo. J. M. Conrad.	271 54	8 25
Greenfied, Jeremiah Jones.	281 61	75
Venango, J. H. Bennett.	477 01	
Wattsburgh, Allen Reed.	89 20	3 00
Amity, Daniel Shepard.	250 22	
Wayne, Ivory Basset.	410 00	
Concord, Heman Heath.	351 10	
Union, Wm. Putnam.	355 51	75
Le Bœuff, H. C. Mallory.	532 19	75
Waterford tp, L. Sedgwick.	668 09	
Waterford bo. Wm. Vincent.	393 76	21 00
Greene, John Johnson.	853 47	
M'Kean, Asa M. Vorse,	1090 31	
Washington, James Pott,	840 78	
Edinboro, Henry R. Terry	102 63	1 75
Franklin, J. P. Silverthorn.	215 14	
Elkcreek, L. L. Baldwin,	631 41	
Conneaut, E. C. Hedden.	862 93	75
Fairview, Jabez Luther.	1367 39	4 25
Girard, Isaac Miller.	1465 58	22 55
Springfield, Amos Smith.	1385 15	16 00
	$23,324 35	$437 88

Amount of County tax including all the fees for collection, loss tax and unseated lands $9,261 81

Amount of Poor tax levied upon requisition of Directors of the Poor $3,500 00

Amount of State tax levied $11,000 39

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the County of Erie duly elected and sworn to Audit and Settle the public accounts of said County, having met at the Office of the County Commissioners, and having carefully examined and compared the accounts and vouchers of the Commissioners and Treasurer of the aforesaid County for the year A. D. 1847, do report that we find them correct, and that we find a balance outstanding, due the County from the several sources mentioned, of Four Thousand One Hundred and Eighty six Dollars and Ninety two cents, (which amount includes State tax on unseated lands for years 1846 7,) and a balance of cash in the Treasury of County Funds of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty seven Dollars and Ninety four cents, and of Road Funds Thirty five Dollars and Forty cents, and School Funds Twelve Dollars and Twenty four cents. Given under our hands and seals at Erie, this 18th day of January, A. D. 1849.

JAMES H. CAMPBELL.
JAMES CHAMBERS,
JOHN WOOD,
County Auditors.

We, the undersighned, Commissioners of the County of Erie, do certify that the foregoing statement is a full and true exhibit of the Receipts and Disbursements of said County for the year A. D. 1847

WM. E. MARVIN,
WILLIAM CAMPBELL.
HUMPHREY A. HILLS,
County Commissioners.

ATTEST, *JAMES SKINNER, Clerk.*
Commissioner's Office.
Erie, Feb. 1. 1848.

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The pills are doing here admirably well in spite of the opposition of some would be doctors who have ever ed all their influence to prevent people from buying them; and if I have a continued supply I shall be able to sell many of them.

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Abraham Tourtellot, Union.
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Erie, January 29, 1848. 37

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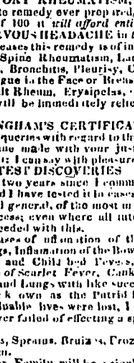

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The new Jew Store again Ahead!

JUST received at the New Jew Store, No 1, Fleming Block, State street, a new and splendid assorment of FALL & WINTER GOODS! consisting in part of

BROADCLOTHS.—French, English and American black, blue, brown, gold and cadet mixed Broadcloths, cheap as the cheapest

ALSO.—Cassimeres and Vestings to match, both as to color quality and price.

GROCERIES.—A general assortment of choice Groceries, which will be sold extremely low.

CROCKERY.—A beautiful assortment of crockery at prices that cannot fail to please.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Without boasting we can truly say we have the cheapest and best assortment of Boots and Shoes, including Ladies, Gentlemen and Boys ever brought to this city.

CAPS.—Men and Boys caps, that cannot fail to fit both the purse and head - come and try.

LADIES DRESS GOODS.—Here we are at home. We have cashmeres, de laines without number and almost without price; Ginghams and Alpaccas, California plaids and Swiss and Tarleton Muslins; wide gimp and gimp cord; dress buttons, cords and tassels; but what is the use of enumerating—we have every thing to make the handsome more divine and the ugly enchanting.

SILKS - Striped and Plaid Poult de Sois, White gro de Swiss, Black watered & Satin stripe poult de soi, Black and blue black, gro de Naples, Black gro de Rhine.

SHAWLS—Of all prices, shades and quality from the cheap cotton up to the finest silk and Cashmere,

GLOVES—Of all kinds, colors and sizes.

Hosiery, Suspenders, Prints, Ticks, Drills, Factories, in short every thing suited to the season and market.

Ready Made Clothing.

Our stock of ready made clothing is large and splendid, and will be sold cheap. We do not wish to boast, but we think we can convince any one by calling that we sell a good article for a smaller sum than any other establishment in town. At any rate "the proof of the pudding is in the eating," therefore TRY US!

☞Mind the name and number.

ISAAC ROSENZWEIG & CO.

Erie, Sept. 21, 1847. 19

New Fall and Winter Goods

I AM now receiving from New York a great variety of rich and desirable goods for Fall and Winter trade. Among other desirables now opening are

Superior Thibet cloths, drab and black; French printed Cashmeres, beautiful patterns and very cheap.

100 pieces black, *drab, modes, plain and striped* Alpaccas, one third cheaper than ever before offered—some as low as 22 cents per yard.

Shawls, a great variety of new styles; Prints, Ginghams, M. de Lains, and other new styles of Dress Goods in any quantities, twenty-five per cent. cheaper than ever before offered in this city.

All of which my customers and the public are respectfully invited to examine.

C. M. TIBBALS.

October 9, 1847. 9

COFFEE, Tea, Sugar, together with a general assortment of groceries for sale by

Nov 6. GEO. SELDEN & SON.

MARKING INK.—David's, Traysonds and Ede's indelible inks, for marking linen, &c., for sale by.

Nov. 20. BURTON & PERKINS.

LUMBER WANTED.

A Quantity of 5-8, 3-4 and 1 inch Whitewood Boards—also, Chair and Bellows Planks, for which the highest market price will be paid

Dec. 11. GEO. SELDEN & SON.

ALAPACA—Silk and cotton warp, from two to eight shillings per yard, Black, Brown, drab, plaid, plain and satin striped, for sale by

Sept. 25. S. JACKSON

GIMPS AND FRINGES, in great variety, for sale by LESTER, SENNETT & CHESTER

Nov. 13, 1847. 26

CARPETING.—1000 yards parlor, hall and stair carpeting, at prices varying from 2 and 6 pence to 8 shillings per yard. Also, Floor Oil cloths, at the usual low rates of

MOSES KOCH,

No. 2 Commercial Exchange, French st.

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SHOT by the bag or lb. and the article to send it away. At No 3. American Block.

RAISINS Best quality by the box or single lb., at No. 5, Bunnell Block, State street.

Jan 1. H. COOK

Coincidence of the Scripture Mode of Curing Diseases,

AND THAT IN VOGUE OF

McALISTER'S ALL-HEALING OINTMENT.

ONE of the most interesting facts recorded in the Bible, is that which relates to the treatment of the sick and the cure of diseases. Most persons, perhaps, may not be aware that the Bible, from beginning to end, makes mention of but one method of healing the sick, and that is by external application. It may at first appear strange that a work so comprehensive, taking as data from the foundation of the world, embodying such an amount of useful and practical information, and extending over history, experience and invention of so many generations of men, as the Bible, should teach but one mode, and never hint at any other, of healing the maladies of men in all the passing ages of the world. Is it not, therefore, a little curious to compare the simple but effectual method of curing the sick recorded in the Scriptures, and the complicated, uncertain and often dangerous practice of the present day?

When Moses was a law giver in Israel, when Hezekiah swayed his mild sceptre over Judah, and when the Savior appeared for the redemption of the world, 4 000 years from the creation, the same, identical, simple, but wise practice ever prevailed, and was adopted by each in their turn. This rule was laid down by the Supreme Governor of the Universe in the jurisprudence of Israel, it was practiced in their nation without change till the coming of the savior, by whom and the Church it was resanctioned and stamped with the favor which truth, reason experience and high authority could give it. External application was the rule, oil or ointment was the means or remedy.

Particular instructions and great stress were laid upon the purification of the body—to wash the surface, then to make application of Ointment, which was the only and direct means of restoring the skin to a natural and healthy action, and thus bring back the full and free discharge of the insensible perspiration. It is worthy of notice, that whil this method of curing diseases prevailed among the people God, it having been taught them by direct revelation from on high, the Heathen, the Greeks, and Romans, held to and practiced in the manner of the present day, viz by giving internal remedies. While one mode viz that of external application, came from Heaven, the other, that of internal application, was the offspring of Death a ignorance, superstetion and Mythology. The one emanated from that Divine Mind by the Power of whose word man became living soul the other, the first fruits of cruel experiment, unnatural device and ungodly superstition.

The first case on record is that of the leper in Leviticus, 2—"When a man shall have in the skin of his flesh a rising sc b or a bright spot, &c. "he shall be brought unto the priest, and he shall pronounce him unclean." The 13 follows the same in the next chapter 7th verse—"He shall sprinkle upon him, that is to be cleansed seven times, and to verse 32 "and the priest shall take some of the log of oil and put it into the palm of his left hand," and verse 28, "and the remnant of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall pour upon the head of him that is to be cleansed." It is evident enough that the purification of the surface, the restoration of the functions of the skin, were to be the first means of the disease. Although the infection lay in the blood and showed itself in the eruption of the skin, yet ointment is mentioned But should a leper appear now, what do you think reader, would be the prescription? Instead of rebuking the skin by opening the pores for the discharge of the waste and corrupting humors of the body with the impurities of the blood, the patient would be required to go through a long course of inward medicines most generally powerful pills of corrosive power, 10, 20 or 30 as going to bed, and this to be repeated, *ad infinitum*. The necessary consequence is to plunge him deeper into the loathsome and confirmed people.

The next case of leprosy was that of Naaman, the Assyrian, 2 Kings, 5 chapter, 10 verse "he was required to wash in Jordan seven times. But he, as they do now, looked to some great cure," and when he was required to put the ointment upon the surface by washing, the man was out of luck. This different from the practice of the Assyrian, who ruled wholly upon internal remedies, that he became enraged, and even turned away in anger. Ointment, as Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel, was the remedy found out by the people of God, was by setting on the skin, by cleansing and relaxing it, so that it would stimulate to more vital and equal circulation, and thus open the great pores of the body. But was therefore compelled to accept this rejected remedy which he immediately received.

The sickness and recovery of Hezekiah is another instance of the combination of the principle of external application. He was sick unto death, and was instructed for his benefit by the Lord to take a poultice (ointment) and lay it upon the boil, and he should live. Here the ointment is ordered not to be put into his stomach and applied externally. How singular the fact, that when God instructed to cure a given disease, from the foundation of the world, to the time when Christ, they were all directed to one mode, viz that of external application. But let my dear Sir, this rule was laid down by the Supreme Governor of the Universe in the jurisprudence of Israel, it was practiced in their nation without change till the coming of the savior, by whom and the Church it was resanctioned and stamped with the favor which truth, reason experience and high authority could give it. External application was the rule, oil or ointment was the means or remedy.

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